



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 876

January Session, 2005

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AN ACT CONCERNING MERCURY WARNINGS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than October 1,
2 2005, the Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the
3 Commissioner of Environmental Protection, shall develop a consumer
4 notice about mercury in fish and shellfish, which shall be made
5 available to the public and posted on the Department of Public
6 Health's and the Department of Environmental Protection's web sites
7 on the Internet. Such consumer notice shall contain (1) information
8 about the nutritional value of fish and shellfish, (2) a warning about
9 the harmful effects of mercury on pregnant and nursing women,
10 women who may become pregnant and young children, (3) advice
11 about the types of fish and shellfish that pregnant and nursing women,
12 women who may become pregnant and young children should avoid,
13 and (4) toll-free telephone numbers and Internet web site addresses
14 that consumers may access for additional information about the risks
15 of mercury in fish and shellfish, including, but not limited to: The
16 federal Food and Drug Administration's Food Information Hotline, the
17 federal Food and Drug Administration's Food Safety web site, the
18 federal Environmental Protection Agency's Fish Advisory web site and
19 the Department of Environmental Protection's web site.
- 20 (b) On and after October 1, 2005, no grocery or food store, as defined

21 in section 22-38b of the general statutes, shall sell fish or shellfish to
22 consumers in this state, unless the owner or operator of the store has
23 posted the consumer notice developed pursuant to subsection (a) of
24 this section in close proximity to the fish or shellfish being sold.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

The effective date was changed from "October 1, 2005," to "from passage" and in subsection (b), the October 1, 2005, date was inserted at the beginning of the sentence for consistency and to achieve the committee's intent.

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*